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- 1.) Amendment in reply to Office Action mailed September 7, 2006

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2006, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.